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1. Unlike the StB and the SNB, the PS maintained army ranks. A company, the smallest PS unit on border guard duty, was not subdivided into platoons and squads. Service and HQ companies were subdivided into platoons, however.

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a. Total T/O of a PS company [ ] was

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CO - Lt.

Deputy CO - First Sgt. (Rotny);

2 Sgts. (Ceta);

3 Cpls (Destnik);

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About 10 Pfc (Svobodnik);

23 Pvts. (Vojin).

1 officer, non-commissioned officers, 33 privates, as follows:

There was no set T/O for non-commissioned officers, privates first class or privates. Capturing illegal border crossers carried automatic promotions, regardless of T/O vacancies.

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- b. The total T/E of a PS company was 1 pistol, 1 SMG, 38 rifles: Officers had a new pistol [redacted] The Deputy CO had a "Samopal", a new Czech-made SMG, model 23 [redacted] The rest had German 7.92-mm. rifles, model 98. A PS company also had 1 or 2 pairs of binoculars, 50 T-34 grenades of a new Czech model [redacted] 4 Czech rocket pistols [redacted], 2 or 3 specially-trained police dogs, 5 Czech model 26 MGs, (described below), and 1 Skoda-Tudor jeep. Some PS companies, located in areas where there were churches with high steeples, were equipped with battery commander's scopes. One man would sit in the steeple with the scope and would constantly watch the border. Civilians were evacuated from the border area, and the church had no congregation. There was a telephone connection between the man sitting in the steeple and the PS company headquarters. Each PS man had regular army equipment, such as a gas mask, ammunition pouch, mess gear, canteen, steel helmet, bayonet, and shovel. Men on duty patrolling the border did not carry any equipment, but their weapons and ammunition in pouches.

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2. A battalion in the PS, had a headquarters, five companies, one service platoon.

- a. The T/O of a battalion consisted of about 20-25 officers, 35 non-commissioned officers and 200 privates.

- (1) Headquarters had the following:

CO - sr. lt.,

Chief of staff - sr. lt.,

Operations - 1-3 lts.,

Intelligence (1/2 section) - 2 lts.,

Political officer - 2 officers;

Transportation - 1-2 officers;

Personnel - 1-2 officers;

Training - 1-2 officers;

Supply - 1-2 officers.

Attached to headquarters were two or three VZS officers, whose function was to check on the political reliability of PS personnel. All of the officers had pistols.

- (2) The service platoon consisted of 1 officer, 5 non-commissioned officers, and 35 privates. The officer was armed with a pistol, the non-commissioned officers with SMGs or rifles and the privates with rifles.

- b. T/E of a battalion was as follows: 20-25 pistols, 5-10 SMGs, 225-230 rifles, 5 Tatra 5-ton trucks (used for troop and supply transportation), and [redacted] heavy Czech MGs. The PS had no weapons larger than the HMG. There were no mortars, tanks, or artillery in any of the PS units.

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3. a. A brigade in the PS had a T/O of four Bns: 119-139 officers, 167 NCOs, 1020 Pvs. In a brigade of five Bns: 150 officers, 200 NCOs, 1220 Pvs.

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## (1) Hq. consisted of:

CO - major

Deputy CO - lt.

Chief of staff - capt.

Deputy C/S - NCO

Signal officers - 2 or 3 lts.

Operations - 1 sr. lt., 3 lts.

Intelligence (1/2 Section) - 5 officers, 3 NCOs

Political officers - 2 lts.

Personnel - 4 lts.

Training - 1 capt., 2 lts.

Clothing supply - 1 lt.

Weapons - 1 lt.

Finance - 1 lt., 2 NCOs

Transportation - 2 lts.

Rations and mess - 1 lt., 1 NCO

6-7 officers of VZS (Vojenska Zpravodajska Sluzba)

All Hq. personnel had pistols.

## (2) Signal company had a T/O of 1 officer, 121 EM.

## (a) Hq. of a signal company:

CO, lt.

Deputy CO, NCO

## (b) Three platoons, each of 40 EM.

Officers had pistols, NCOs  
had SMGs or rifles and EM had rifles.

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## (3) Service company had a T/O - one officer, 121 EM. Officers had pistols, NCOs had SMGs or rifles, and the Pvs had rifles.

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## (a) Hq. - CO, lt.

Deputy CO, NCO

## (b) Three platoons of 40 EM

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## (4) Four battalions [See Paragraph 2 above]. Some brigades had five battalions.

- b. T/E of a brigade included: about 150 pistols, 30 SMGs, 1390 rifles. Each officer had a pistol; NCOs had a SMG or rifle; Pvs had rifles. Brigade Hq. had one teletype machine and two

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radio transceivers [redacted] ) The Brigade Hq. had about 10 Tatra 3-5 ton trucks, late 1951 models; about 5 Skoda sedans, late 1951 models, and about 15-20 Skoda-Tudor Jeeps. The brigade had in its supply HMGs, IMGs, SMGs, rifles and pistols [redacted]

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4. T/O of the PS Hq. in Praha included:

a. 150-200 officers

b. Hq. Service and guard units, about 300-400 officers and EM.

5. Total PS strength [redacted] was 1,500 officers, 1,800 NCOs and 11,000 Pvts. The PS had no air units nor access to aircraft. It had its own telephone lines from each battalion to the brigade and to the PS Hq. in Praha.

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